

What should these colors mean to us?

These are the colors of the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) -- established to provide a comprehensive and effective means to disseminate information regarding the risk of terrorist attacks to all levels of government... and to "we, the people of the United States of America". Each color corresponds to a level of risk and associated protective measures, however they are primarily Agency related. In an effort to 'bring these colors home', NSDI offers some general suggestions as to our levels of vigilance, preparedness and readiness in the face of these threat conditions.

Suggested Protective Measures to reduce vulnerabilities.	LOW Risk of Attack	GUARDED General Risk	ELEVATED Significant Risk	HIGH Risk of Attack	SEVERE Risk of Attack
<i>This is only suggested for visualization purposes, as all protective measures should be in place at all levels.</i>					
Be vigilant of suspicious activity & report it to Police immediately	X		X	X	X
Stay informed of local/state/nat'l news	X		X	X	X
Listen to radio/TV for info/instructions					X
Determine possible hazards; address & reduce home's vulnerabilities to enable optimum emergency response	X		X	X	X
Create Disaster/Emergency Plan* :	X		X	X	X
Including Escape Plan,	X		X	X	X
Communication Plan,	X		X	X	X
Meet-up Plan	X		X	X	X
(Determine school evacuation policy)	X		X	X	X
Update, review & practice all plans			X	X	X
Assemble Supply Kit(s)* /put in place	X		X	X	X
Check/update supplies every 6 months			X	X	X
Confirm location for emergency stay				X	X
Be cautious traveling & at public events				X	X
Monitor/comply with travel restrictions					X
Call school/work re open/closed status					X
Prepare to 'stay-in' or evacuate					X
Meet with neighbors re Emergency Plans & Neighborhood Watch	X		X	X	X
*Assist neighbors in need					X

Always remain calm; there is no room for panic in an emergency plan. Also calm your children's fears.